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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL

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TAGS: PFOR, AF, US

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT DAOUD

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT DAOUD  
FROM PRESIDENT FORD:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE  
ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY FULL COMMITMENT TO THE  
QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND  
TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.

2. FYI: FOREGOING IN REPLY TO MESSAGE RECEIVED AUGUST 11  
AT THE WHITE HOUSE. TEXT FOLLOWS:

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO WARMLY CONGRATULATE YOU ON  
BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN AS  
WELL AS ON MY OWN BEHALF ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR  
EXCELLENCY'S ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGH OFFICE OF THE PRESI-  
DENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I HAVE NO DOUBT  
THAT DURING YOUR PRESIDENCY THE EXISTING WARM, CLOSE AND  
FRUITFUL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL GROW AND EXPAND TO THE  
MUTUAL BENEFIT OF OUR PEOPLES. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS  
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TO YOU AND THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE OF AMERICA MY PERSONAL BEST

WISHES AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN. MOHAMMAD DAOUD, HEAD OF STATE AND PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. END FYI.

3. NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR THE WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE REPLY, BUT THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN. KISSINGER

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